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Washington, D.C. 20505

28 August 2019

Ms. Emma Best  
MuckRock News  
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Reference: F-2018-00351

Dear Ms. Best:

This is a final response to your 20 December 2017 appeal to the Agency Release Panel (ARP) regarding your request for records according to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

***The ARP carefully considered your petition and determined that the appeal should be partially granted.*** As the Executive Secretary of the ARP, I am the CIA official responsible for informing you of the appellate determination, described more fully in what follows.

The Agency conducted a reasonable search calculated to locate records that might reflect an open or otherwise acknowledged relationship with the CIA. Two documents previously released under a separate review program were located. Copies of these documents are enclosed. We also located material that was not originated by the CIA. This material appears to be relevant to your request, and has been referred to the originating agency for review and direct response to you.

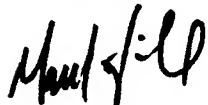
With respect to other records that might reveal a classified or otherwise unacknowledged connection with the CIA, in accordance with Section 3.6 (a) of Executive Order 13526, we can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of such records. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information protected from disclosure by Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949 and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947. Therefore the appropriate FOIA exemptions are (b)(1) and (b)(3). Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statutes are Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947.

In accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in federal district court. Alternatively, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies. Using services offered by OGIS does not affect your right



to pursue litigation. For more information, including how to contact OGIS, please consult its website at <http://ogis/archives.gov>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Lilly' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Lilly  
Executive Secretary  
Agency Release Panel

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25X1 4. [ ] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, whom I briefed on latest developments regarding Chinese strategic missile deployment, anti-aircraft missiles in North Vietnam, a Soviet navy installation in Cuba and Soviet vessels in Berbera.

Calling attention to recent press stories, I reminded Slatinshek of my earlier briefing describing our relationship with one of the Cuban Watergate defendants.

In response to my question about plans for an intelligence briefing of the full Committee, Slatinshek said that in view of concern about the security of certain new members he thought the Chairman might like to hold such briefings to non-sensitive matters.

25X1 5. [ ] Delivered to the office of James Gehrig, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee staff, an agenda for Senator Moss who is scheduled to visit Headquarters on 19 January.

25X1 6. [ ] Dick Cook, Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs (House), called regarding the Kurdakov case. I referred him to [ ]

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25X1 7. [ ] Dick Cook, of the White House staff, asked if we knew any of the facts surrounding the death of Sergey Kurdakov. I told Cook that while we had no direct involvement in this case, on the basis of an inquiry from Senator Thurmond's office, we made inquiry and learned that Kurdakov had acquired a revolver for his protection and that on or about New Year's eve in the presence of a female friend and presumably as a prank put the revolver to his head. Under the mistaken impression that the chamber was empty, Kurdakov squeezed the trigger and accidentally shot himself. I emphasized that this information was acquired by us secondhand more than a week ago and we could not attest to its accuracy.

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6. [ ] GLC) Mr. Robert Mosbacher, Senator Howard Baker's (R., Tenn.) staff, spoke to the Advanced Intelligence Seminar at the Old Senate Office Building. Mosbacher was introduced by Mr. Maury who spoke briefly about the importance of good relations with the Congress. Mosbacher reviewed two case histories which he felt were good examples of both good and poor organization between the Executive Branch and the Congress concerning major legislation. The good example was the excellent coordination between the White House, the Pentagon, and the State Department on the Azores/Bahrein legislation and the poor example was the confusion and misunderstanding between Senator Jackson's staff and the White House on the Jackson amendment on SALT. Mr. Mosbacher then fielded questions from the class.

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7. [ ] GLC) Left with J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, [ ]

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8. [ ] GLC) Met with David Martin, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, to try to get a better understanding of his wishes concerning a map of Communist insurgency in North Burma. I will be in touch with OCI analysts on this.

Martin also brought up several other items including a question as to whether the document by JPRS on "Political Parties in Africa" was, in the opinion of our people, still timely; a request for statements by Soviets Yakubovskiy and Grechko on Soviet military strategy and doctrine; and a question as to whether the document entitled "Soviet Spies in the Shadow of the U.S." was still timely. I told Martin I would check on these and be back in touch with him.

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9. [ ] GLC) Al Tarabochia, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, asked if there was any word yet on [ ]

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[ ] he had a lot of interesting information. I said I would check on his availability and let him know.

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11. [ ] - JMM) Met with Senator Stuart Symington in response to his earlier call to the Director saying he and several colleagues were planning a trip to Eastern Europe and would like briefings [ ] Symington told me a number of senators were attending a meeting in Bonn in the latter part of November after which several--Symington, Jackson, Bentsen, Schweiker, Cannon, Hollings and Stevens--plan to peel off and visit Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. Symington said he always found briefings [ ] very useful and hoped the group could get such briefings [ ]

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made. He said the itinerary was not firm but would be available shortly through the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff. He said his group plans to arrive in Bonn about 18 November.

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12. [ ] LLM) Robert Horner, House Internal Security Committee staff, called concerning the interest of the Committee in [ ] and I explained that the Committee's Associate Chief Counsel, Richard Schultz, had registered the Committee's interest in the case with us while Mr. Horner was overseas.

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13. [ ] LLM) Called Laura, in the office of Representative George Mahon (D., Tex.), and she asked that the [ ] Book requested by Chairman Mahon for Texas Tech University be sent to the school's library at Lubbock, Texas 79409. [ ] has been advised.

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14. [ ] LLM) Called Miss Peck, in the office of Representative John Dent (D., Pa.), concerning their interest in a status report on the application of [ ] retired. She explained that they follow all of their constituent cases very closely and that as a general policy they would like to have a final report on all referrals. [ ] has been advised.

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30 SEP 1972

## *Soviet aide in Laos defects to U.S.*

*By Reuter*

### **Vientiane, Laos**

A Soviet Embassy official who disappeared Sept. 10 has defected to the United States by means of a carefully planned car crash, according to usually reliable sources.

Yevgeni Sorokine, who is listed as an interpreter at the Soviet Embassy in the Laotian capital, disappeared the night an embassy car he had been driving crashed into trees on the road to the airport.

The United States has since announced in Washington that a request by Mr. Sorokine for political asylum was being considered.

The sources said Laotian police who rushed to the crash scene did not find any indication that Mr. Sorokine was injured.

Passersby earlier had seen a white man in civilian clothes arrive in a taxi near the badly damaged vehicle, pick up another white man, and speed about 200 yards to the bank of the Mekong River on the Laos-Thailand border.

Mr. Sorokine left his wife Tatiana and their child at a Soviet Embassy film showing, ostensibly on his way to another film showing at a French compound on the airport road, the sources said.

They added that on hearing of the car crash, Soviet officials searched all Vientiane hospitals for Mr. Sorokine. But by then he had crossed the Mekong into Thailand and arrived at the U.S. Air Force base at Udon reportedly as planned by American agents.

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5. [ ] - JGO) In response to his call, I met with Mr. Art Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who showed me a letter to Chairman Fulbright dated 25 September from the Director of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs concerning the burning of 26 tons of opium at Chiang Mai, Thailand in March of this year. Mr. Kuhl asked if it could be possible for him and Carl Marcy, of the Committee staff, to see the Central Intelligence Agency reports referenced by the Director, BNDD, on a completely informal nonattributable basis.

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6. [ ] - JGO) Talked to Mr. Richard Davis, in the office of Representative Earl Landgrebe (R., Ind.), and told him we have no additional information to that already provided by Mr. John Broger, Director of the Office of Information for the Armed Forces concerning Sergey N. Kurdakov. Mr. Davis told me that he doubts that Mr. Landgrebe will take any further action as far as introducing a private bill for Mr. Kurdakov. See Journal of 22 September. No further action is required.

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7. [ ] LLM) Dr. Joseph Thach, House Internal Security Committee staff, called to determine if the Agency would have any problem if the Committee hearing on certain legislation contained excerpts from the

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[ ] Jane Fonda's statements over Radio Hanoi. Based on the advice of [ ] and Mr. Houston, I told the Committee's Chief Counsel, Don Sanders, that we had no problem with the use of the material, but for a number of reasons we strongly felt that [ ] should be struck. [ ]

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[ ] Mr. Sanders said he would review the hearing (which must be printed by Monday) in light of our conversation. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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Acting Legislative Counsel

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4. [ ] JGO) Met with Mr. James Wilson, House Science and Astronautics Committee. Mr. Wilson has not talked to Chairman Teague since his return to the office but noted that Chairman Teague had been very displeased by the treatment afforded the delegation on their visit to Moscow. I briefed Mr. Wilson on the Soviet Soyuz and "J" vehicle cancellations.

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5. [ ] JGO) In response to her request of yesterday, delivered to Claudia Hoover, in the office of Representative Omar Burleson (D., Texas), materials on the Agency for transmittal to a constituent.

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6. [ ] - JGO) Met with Mr. Norman Cornish, Deputy Staff Director, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, as a followup to the Director's letter of 14 August relating to the Committee's request for information concerning Agency contracts for public relations and similar activities. I told Cornish that since our response we had identified some \$9,000 in personnel recruitment advertising that had been placed through a New York advertising firm at the current rates appearing in Standard Rates and Data Guide. Cornish responded that this is not the type of information of contracts that the Committee was seeking. No further action is indicated. Mr. Colby, Ex. Dir., has been advised.

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7. [ ] JGO) Returned Mr. John Pearson's, OMB, call concerning H.R. 15865, a bill for the relief of Richard Krzyzanowski. Mr. Krzyzanowski was employed by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Polish delegation to the U.N. and is married to a U.S. citizen. The bill was sponsored by Representative Joshua Eilberg (D., Pa.). I told Pearson that the Agency had no contact with Mr. Krzyzanowski and no comment on the legislation.

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8. [ ] GLC) Since this was the first opportunity we have had to brief Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, I got together with him today and briefed him on all current intelligence items of interest to him since 8 September.

Braswell and I chatted briefly about the possibility of any action on the Cooper bill (S. 2224) and it is his belief that unless Senator Cooper tries to tack his bill on some House-passed legislation (which he thinks is unlikely) the issue is dead for this Congress.

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1. [ ] - JMM) Talked to Jim Calloway, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, about the conference yesterday on the Ervin bill. Calloway had no details on what had transpired in the conference, but said that in giving his proxy to Senator Ervin, Senator McClellan had specified that in no circumstances would he agree to the Ervin amendment to the House bill extending the life of the Civil Rights Commission unless CIA was granted a complete exemption.

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2. [ ] JMM) John Pearson, OMB, called to ask if the Agency had any interest in a private bill to expedite the naturalization of one Richard Krzyzanowski. I told him I was not aware of the case but would check and advise. [ ]

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3. [ ] - JGO) Received a call from Mr. Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, concerning the Chairman's request and the Director's response relating to release of OSS documents concerning activities in Indochina. What the Committee would like to do (and it has been discussed rather extensively) is to publish certain of the documents that he has reviewed for the use of all scholars rather than to write a summary paper. I told him that we certainly would prefer that he write a summary paper since the release of the particular documents could well be the opening wedge for release of all OSS files. He agreed that the Committee understands that we are not in a position to set up a historical section for the release of documents but would hope that by publishing these particular documents it would eliminate questions on the subject since the material would be available to interested persons. It was agreed that as a first step he will come by and designate the documents that he feels would be most helpful for Committee reproduction. An appointment was made for 10:00 tomorrow morning, Wednesday, 27 September, for him to visit Headquarters. Messrs. Colby and [ ] have been advised.

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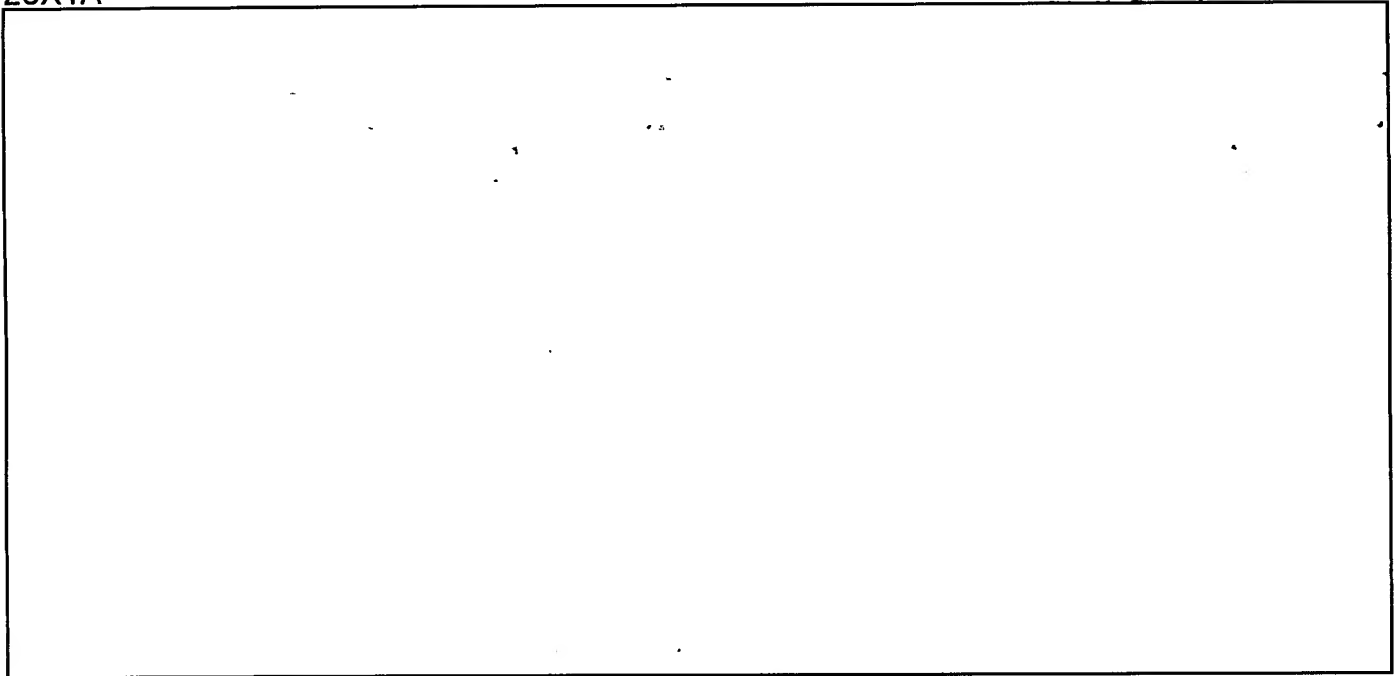
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6. [redacted] JGO) In response to a telephone request from

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Mr. Bruce Merkle, Administrative Assistant to Representative William Bray (R., Ind.), I met with Mr. Richard Davis, in the office of Representative Earl Landgrebe (R., Ind.), concerning one [redacted]

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In brief, Davis told me that Representatives Landgrebe and Albert Quie (R., Minn.), both active members of the House Prayer Group, have been requested to sponsor a private bill for permanent residence in the United States for

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[redacted] by members of the Pentagon Prayer Group, who apparently have assisted in bringing Kurdakov to Washington [redacted] Davis asked if the Agency has any information concerning a possible attempt to return

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[redacted] Mr. Davis does not think that any action will be taken in the House prior to the elections but at such time as legislation is introduced, it will be introduced jointly in the House and the Senate. A Senate bill will be introduced by Senator Jennings Randolph (D., W. Va.). [redacted] has been advised.

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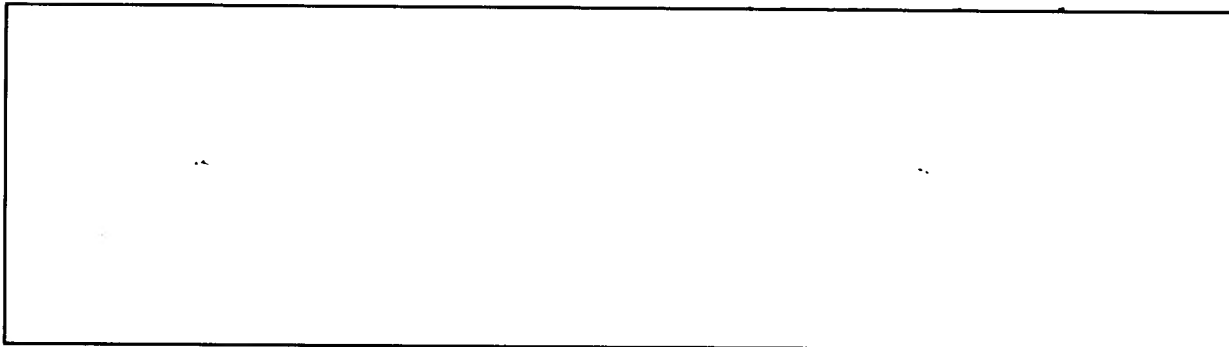
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11. [redacted] - LLM) Met with Dr. Joseph Thach, House Internal Security Committee staff, and gave him the [redacted] on Andy Stapp dated May, 1971, which he had requested (see Journal of 8 September). Also, [redacted] I informed Thach that the advertised frequencies to carry the American Servicemen's Union broadcasts by Radio Hanoi were their standard international frequencies.

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12. [redacted] - LLM) Sam Goldberg, in the office of Senator Charles Mathias (R., Md.), called to alert us that the Nobles, a husband and wife writing team (see Journal of 12 July 1972), had been turned down in their request to review OSS records and that they were going to make an additional request based upon the fact that they have been allowed to review classified information by other departments and agencies under the historical research provision of the new Executive Order on classification. Goldberg said he wanted nothing special from us but that if there was any administrative wrinkle that would facilitate the settlement of this issue, he would appreciate the information if it was appropriate.

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JOHN M. MAURY  
Legislative Counsel

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3. [ ] - RW) Judy Smith, Executive Secretary to Representative William V. Alexander (D., Ark.), called to request an employment interview for a constituent who will be moving this weekend to Florida for a couple of months. He is [ ]

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[ ] Donna, in Personnel, is having the recruiter for that area call [ ] to make arrangements for the interview. Miss Smith was advised.

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4. [ ] JGO) Responded to a call from Kathy, in Representative Bob Wilson's (R., Calif.) office, concerning the availability of a plaque of the CIA seal for Representative Wilson. I told her that we have none but that we would make a note of the request in the event of future availability.

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5. [ ] JGO) In response to a request from [ ] I made several checks during the day of various Senate and House Committee staffs concerning the possible appearance of Alexander Volpin but was unable to identify where he might be appearing. [ ] is rechecking his source for further information.

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6. [ ] JGO) Received a request from Dorothy Fosdick, Senate National Security and International Operations Subcommittee staff, for a name check on Mr. Yuriy V. Solton, Chief, Washington Bureau of the Soviet TV and Radio, and Mr. Aleksandr N. Druzhinin, who was identified as an observer of the Soviet TV and Radio.

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7. [ ] JGO) Met with Mr. Art Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and gave him [ ]

In general conversation, Kuhl told me that Mr. Jerome Levinson, the new staffman who will be handling the ITT hearings, is now on board but no further Committee action is expected until after the 1st of the year.

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[ ] WH Division, has been advised.

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16 SEP 1972

# Soviet Embassy employe

## defects

By DONALD R. MORRIS  
Post News Analyst

Evgeniy Sorokine, 21, an employe of the GRU Rezidentura in the Soviet Embassy in Vientiane, Laos, has defected to the United States.

According to AP and UPI reports, Sorokine and his wife Tatiana were posted to Laos in 1971, where he was assigned duties as driver and French interpreter for Col. Vladimir P. Gretchanine.

Gretchanine was listed as a Soviet military attache. In the early 1960s, Gretchanine was posted to Washington, and was expelled in the course of a quid pro quo reprisal for several U.S. diplomats expelled from Moscow at the time.

ON SEPT. 10 Sorokine's car was found crashed into a tree halfway between the Soviet Embassy and Vientiane Airport. That evening he requested political asylum at

the U.S. Embassy, and the following day he was flown out of Laos, probably on a chartered Air America flight.

Sorokine is now reported to be in the United States. Tatiana Sorokine remains in Vientiane.

These are the bare outlines of a story that will not be expanded on by official U.S. sources, at least for some time to come. Several conclusions, however, may be drawn.

Sorokine was an employe of the Soviet military intelligence service, the GRU; he was not attached to the KGB. All personnel attached to the Soviet military attache office are employes or officers of the GRU, and never of the KGB. Gretchanine is, and always was, a GRU officer.

SOROKINE WAS, most likely, not an officer, but an employe whose duties were exactly as given: driver-interpreter to Col. Gretchanine, whose rank indicates he was

probably the GRU Resident — the officer in command of the GRU Rezidentura.

Although not an agent handler, Sorokine will be nonetheless valuable. He will be able to provide a complete breakdown of the GRU Rezidentura, including those offi-

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cers under other covers outside of the Military Attache Office. He will undoubtedly be able to identify a goodly proportion of the KGB Rezidentura as well. His duties would also have enabled him to identify a number of GRU agents, developmental cases and spotting leads as well.

Several aspects of the story hint that Sorokine may be something of a handling problem. More than twenty officers of the Soviet intelligence services have defected to Western countries. It is the act of a deeply maladjusted man, a misfit in his own society who is, by cutting off his entire past life with no

hope of return, in effect, taking what may be the only alternative to suicide open to him. For complex psychological reasons, defection almost never occurs before middle age, and Sorokine, at 21, is quite possibly the youngest GRU defector to reach the West.

THE CRASHED car indicates further agitation and a spur-of-the-moment decision. Under no circumstances would this be some form of window-dressing to mislead the Soviets; the CIA eschews such James Bondish dramatics.

Sorokine's desertion of his wife may be still further evidence of disturbance; had the defection been planned in advance with CIA assistance she could easily have been evacuated as well. (But several defections have been triggered by the urge to escape an impossible marital situation.)

The Soviets reported that Sorokine was missing on the

Laotian Foreign Ministry the same day he was flown out of the country. They dropped their standard gambit in such cases, which was to charge that the defector had absconded with the embassy petty cash fund and should be treated as a common criminal. Either they placed little reliance in the Laotian police, or they knew he was out of the country when they reported his absence.

THE CIA is to be commended for the speed with which Sorokine was evacuated; even in Laos such operations pose administrative problems, especially with a sudden walk-in. Over the years, they have been able to count on such a defection every 18 months or so, to implement the knowledge gained from their independent penetrations of the Soviet services.

Sorokine, in fact, may be astonished to find that his hosts know more about the GRU than he does. It has happened before.

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10. [ ] - JGO) Met with David Martin, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, who apologized for the shortness of time for review of General Walt's statement prior to his appearance yesterday. He gave me two copies of the present report for our review and any corrections we care to suggest prior to printing. I thanked Martin for the Committee's consideration. Copies are being furnished to [ ] and [ ]

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11. [ ] - JGO) Received a call from Mr. George Armstrong, Research Assistant to Representative John Ashbrook (R., Ohio), senior Republican on the House Internal Security Committee, who called to insure that a request for the Soviet defector reported in the press for appearance before the Internal Security Committee at such time as he might be available. I told Armstrong that Dick Shultz, of the Committee staff, called last evening and we have noted his request.

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12. [ ] - JGO) Received a call from J. Sourwine, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, concerning the reported GRU defector in Southeast Asia. In brief, I told Sourwine that we had received a request last evening from the House Internal Security Committee. [ ]

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[ ] has been advised.

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13. [ ] JMM) In the absence of Representative William Hungate, I met with his Legislative Assistant Marion Ross to whom I explained our problems with the Ervin bill rider to the Civil Rights Commission bill on which Mr. Hungate is a conferee. Miss Ross said she could not speak for Mr. Hungate but said she would take the matter up with him in the near future. I left with her some explanatory material.

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14. [ ] - JMM) In the absence of Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott, I briefed William Hildenbrand his Administrative Assistant, on our problems with the Ervin bill rider to the Civil Rights Commission bill, on which Senator Scott is a Senate conferee, and left with Hildenbrand some explanatory material.

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15. [ ] JMM) Miss Pratt, in the office of Representative Emanuel Celler, called to set up an appointment for me to meet with Mr. Celler on Tuesday, 19 September 1972 at 4:00 p.m.

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14. [ ] - LLM) Called Tom Gunn, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, and told him that the Director would be very pleased that the exemption he had requested from the advisory committee bill, S. 3529, was routinely adopted on the Senate floor yesterday and asked if he had received any reaction from the House side. I told him we thought the House conferees would be sympathetic to our position and would contact them if either he or Jim Calloway think it would help. Gunn later reported that Senator John McClellan (D., Ark.) adamantly supported the Agency's exemption and that the House conferees were favorably disposed to it. Gunn said that the conference committee could move rapidly on the bill and that while he did not expect any challenge to our exemption, he would notify us if any problems developed. Under the circumstances, he saw no useful purpose in our approaching the House conferees directly, and I said we would defer to their judgment.

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15. [ ] - LLM) Called Dick Schultz, House Internal Security Committee staff, and based upon the advice of [ ] told him the Agency was in no way associated with the Van Pelt's or Meshon. I said we assumed he has checked with the FBI also. (See Journal of 7 September.) Mr. Schultz said that the name of the institute has also been referred to as Merzhon rather than Meshon. Moreover, he said the Van Pelt's are under the impression that the institute was somehow involved with CIA and Schultz said he would just tell them that this simply is not true. Subsequently I discussed this with [ ] of contacting the [ ]

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Mr. Schultz called with reference to a Star item on a KGB defector in Laos and said that the Committee would like to have an opportunity to interview the individual when and if he could be made available. I said I knew nothing about the case, explained the conditions that applied and said we would note his interest. Schultz said he was following up this request with a letter for the record, although I said this was not necessary. [ ] was advised.

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5. [ ] - JGO) Met with Mr. Garner J. Cline, Counsel, Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee, House Judiciary Committee. In brief, Cline advised that as Counsel he would be forced to recommend disapproval of any bill no matter how sponsored that would grant credit toward the five-year residence requirement for citizenship. In part he noted that he has three requests on his desk for assistance in similar bills. One would be to allow the granting of citizenship to allow participation on the American Olympic team. With the present Committee procedures of all cases going before the full Committee he does not see how any such bill could be authorized by the Subcommittee. Mr. Warner, OGC, and [ ] Africa Division, have been advised.

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6. [ ] - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that he will try to schedule a visit to the Agency and possible luncheon with [ ] and Proctor at the earliest possible date. He will not know until the first of the week whether he will be able to do it during the coming week. Preston told me that he does not see how he can schedule any further hearings on the community budget. He feels that he will have to take the information he has in hand and go to markup without further hearings [ ]

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7. [ ] - GLC) J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called with reference to the testimony of Alfred McCoy before Senator Proxmire's Foreign Operations Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee. Sourwine was aware of the allegations McCoy is making in his testimony today and said if there was anything the Subcommittee could do that would be helpful either to the Agency, to the Subcommittee, or both in setting the record straight on this subject, he would be happy to cooperate with us. In this connection he mentioned the study which is being conducted by the Subcommittee's task force which is being headed by General Lou Walt and presently traveling around the world looking into the drug problem. Sourwine also noted Jack Anderson had mentioned there were eight CIA reports on this subject which might or might not be accurate. He said if these reports or any other information could be made public through the task force they would be happy to cooperate. I told Sourwine I would look into this.

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6. [redacted] - LLM) Based on the advice of [redacted]  
[redacted], and [redacted] SAVA, called Joseph Thach, Research  
Analyst, House Internal Security Committee, and told him that we did not believe  
we could lift the control dissemination "Official Use Only" marking from the  
[redacted] Report on prisoners of war statements. I told him this policy was  
based on a number of factors, including the possibility that the statements were  
made under duress and the desire to save the families of the men any unnecessary  
anguish. Thach then asked if this would hold true in the case of Michael Branch  
who, according to Thach, was a "defector" and whose statements had been widely  
exploited by the October 1969 Moratorium and the Daily Worker. I told Thach that  
I would check and be back in touch.

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7. [redacted] - LLM) Received a call from Eugene Kopp, Deputy  
General Counsel, USIA, in connection with the apparently inadvertent release  
for the public record of testimony given in executive session by USIA witnesses  
before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on USIA authorization legislation.  
Mr. Kopp said that GPO will not be making a public printing of the hearing and  
that he has alerted all executive agencies to treat the copies they have accordingly  
and that the House Committee will be suppressing their supply also. In response  
to my question, he said he did not know of any testimony directly impacting on  
the Agency's interests, but he did identify the testimony of Michael Pistor,  
Assistant Director, Near East and North Africa, and Kempton Jenkins, Assis-  
tant Director, Soviet Union and East Europe, as being the most sensitive from  
their viewpoint. I talked to [redacted] to call this development to  
her attention and asked if she would assure that the DDP area divisions most  
probably affected were alerted, which she said she would do.

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